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first diazo component and (B) a second component comprising a nucleophilic acceptor. The composition can be added to hydrocar-  
bons such as fuel oil to reduce mercaptans without increasing turbidity or color. Triethylene diamine and 1,2-epoxyhexadecane are  
disclosed to be exemplary diazo and nucleophilic acceptor components.

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